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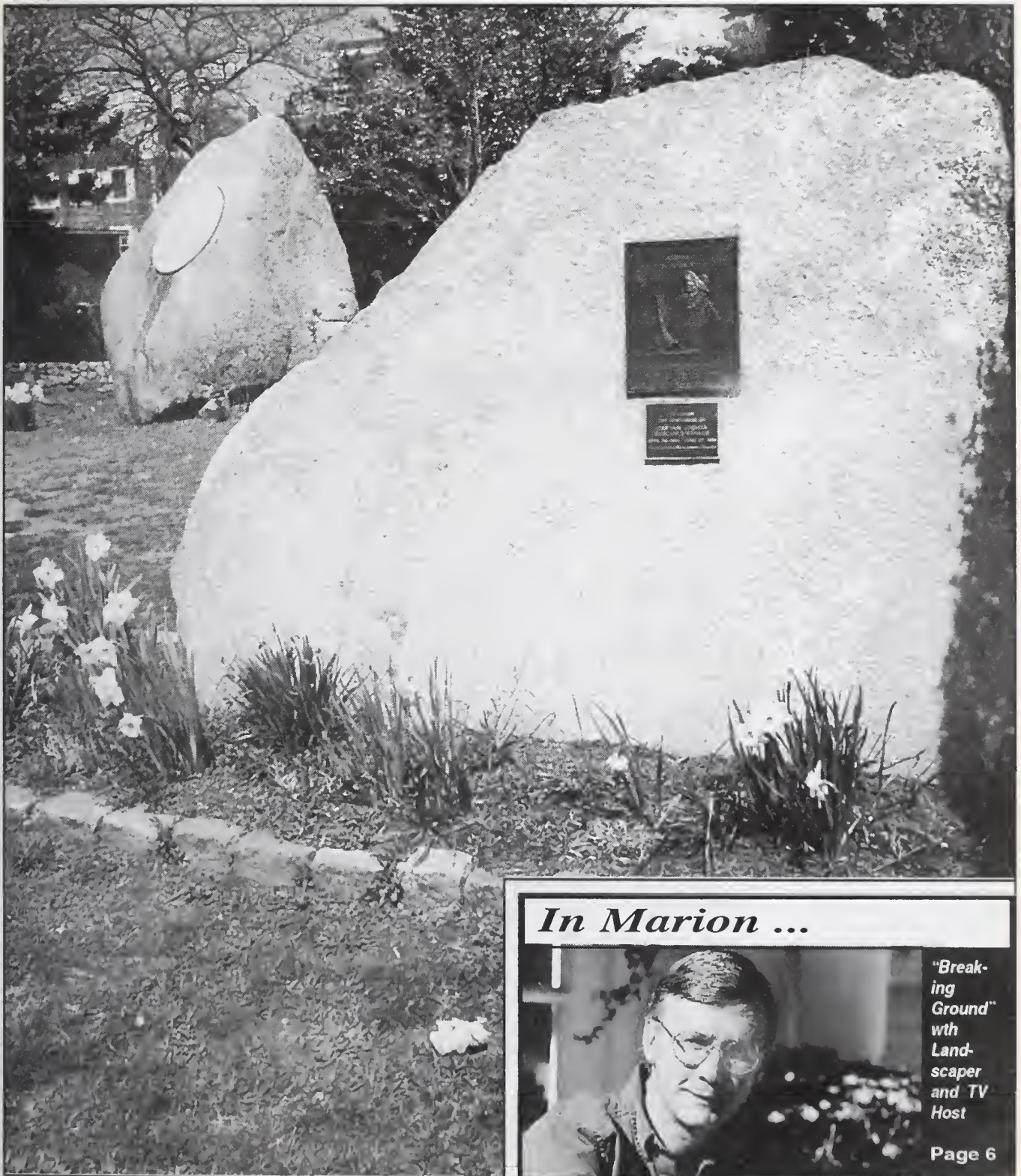
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Busy Season Ahead for Fairhaven

By Kenneth J. Souza

This Friday, April 24, marks the 103rd anniversary of Joshua Slocum's departure from Boston in 1895 to make the first solo maritime voyage around the world. Some three years and 46,000 miles later, Slocum would end his venture aboard the sloop *Spray* in Newport, RI on June 27, 1898. But it wasn't until Slocum sailed up Buzzards Bay to Fairhaven and returned the *Spray* to the Poverty Point shore on July 3, 1898 that the captain and vessel had finally returned home.

It was in a field at Poverty Point that Slocum built the famous sloop, plank-by-plank; and it was from Fairhaven that the 36-foot, 9-inch vessel was first launched to circumnavigate the globe. In commemoration of the centennial anniversary of Slocum's return home, there are several events already in the works both in and around Fairhaven — and in tandem with the busy tourist season, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism has recently published a brochure of summer events for 1998, which is now available at the Visitors Center at 27 Center Street. You can pick up a copy during regular business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The telephone/fax number is 979-4085.

Slocum Centennial Events

- Friday, June 26 in Bristol, RI - Kick off the centennial weekend at the Herreshoff Marine Museum on the pier where Captain Nathaniel Herreshoff welcomed Captain Joshua Slocum. The festivities will include dockside presentations by grandson Halsey Herreshoff, museum personnel, dignitaries, and famous sailors, with a Slocum exhibit at the museum. Cocktails will be served at 5:00 pm, and a clambake made right on the shore of the newly-restored Herreshoff South Wharf at 6:00 pm. There is a charge for the cocktails and clambake. For more information, please call the Herreshoff Marine Museum at (401) 253-5000.

- Saturday, June 27 in Newport, RI - Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Slocum's arrival in Newport with these daytime events: a sail-in parade of boats at 11:00 am; a reenactment of Slocum's arrival by *Spray* replica; a waterfront reception from 11:45 am to 2:00 pm with noted sailors, officials, and Slocum descendants; special events at museum and yacht clubs.

- Sunday, June 28 in Fairhaven - Slocum's journey ended at Poverty Point, so too will the Slocum Celebration. The public is invited to join the Joshua Slocum Centennial Committee of Fairhaven for the day-long festivities. There are no admission charges. Events will include:

11:00 am - Memorial Service at Seamen's Bethel in New Bedford;

1:30 pm - Proclamation with Slocum descendants and dignitaries at Slocum Memorial on Pilgrim Avenue in

the Poverty Point section of Fairhaven;

2:00 to 4:00 pm - Reception hosted by the Fairhaven Colonial Club at the Coggeshall Memorial House, Poverty Point. Refreshments, souvenirs, and sea chanteys by Compass Rose;

6:00 pm - Casting of memorial flowers into the harbor from hot-air balloon. The balloon lifts off from Poverty Point, weather-permitting;

Sunset - lowering of the Slocum pennant at Fort Phoenix.

Fairhaven Walking Tours

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism will be sponsoring the following series of walking tours. The tours were developed to highlight the history and attractions of several areas of town. From visiting an 1828 stone schoolhouse to learning about the battles at Revolutionary Fort Phoenix, there is something of interest to nearly everyone on these popular guided walks. The upcoming programs include:

- Saturday, April 25 at 2:00 pm - Poverty Point Tour. The tour begins at Old Stone Schoolhouse, corner of North Street and Castle Avenue, with guide Christopher

On the cover: This memorial to Joshua Slocum is located at the corner of Cherry Street and Pilgrim Avenue in Fairhaven, right next to the burial site of John Cooke (background), the last surviving male pilgrim who came to America aboard the Mayflower. This Friday marks the 103rd anniversary of Slocum's departure for his famous solo voyage around the world in the sloop Spray. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

Cover insert: John Knox, Landscape Architect and host of the Home and Garden Television Network's "Breaking Ground," will be speaking on Tuesday, May 5 at 9:00 am at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall in Marion. The program is being hosted by the Marion Garden Discussion Group. (Photo courtesy of John Knox).

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Richard. It will last approximately 90 minutes and includes a look inside a one-room schoolhouse, stories of Manjiro Nakahama, Joshua Slocum, John Cooke, and other history related to the oldest village settlement in Fairhaven. Tour will repeat on June 13.

• Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 pm - Fairhaven Center Tour. The tour begins at Willow Park, corner of Fort and South Streets, with guide Christopher Richard. It will last approximately 90 minutes and includes visits to Union Wharf, the Town Hall, stories of Warren Delano, H. H. Rogers, the exterior of the mansion where Clara Bow appeared in the classic film "Down to the Sea in Ships," and more. The tour will repeat on June 20.

• Saturday, May 9 at 2:00 pm - Fort Phoenix Area Tour. The tour will begin at the Hurricane Barrier, Fort Street, with guide Christopher Richard. It will last approximately 90 minutes and include Revolutionary Fort Phoenix, histories of the Fort Street homes, an area that was once the estate of millionaire Henry Huttleston Rogers.

• Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 pm - Riverside Cemetery Tour. The tour begins inside cemetery entrance on Main Street with guide Natalie Hemingway. It will last approximately 90 minutes and include burial sites of prominent citizens including H. H. Rogers, Warren Delano, artists Lemuel Eldred and William Bradford, early headstone and monument art, and more in this

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On Tuesday, May 5 at 9:00 am in St. Gabriel's Parish Hall, the Marion Garden Discussion Group will host a special program. TV personality John Knox, co-host of the television series "Breaking Ground," a flagship production of the Home and Garden Television Network (HGTV) that is shown in prime time and reaches 25 million homes in the U.S. and Canada, will be their guest speaker. An admission charge of \$5 will be collected at the door. Reservations may be made by calling 748-3089 or 748-3342.

A landscape architect with a degree from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, John's practice ranges from residential design to commercial and public parks. His recent projects have included a farmhouse south of Boston and a town house on Boston's historic Beacon Hill. He was also a member of the design team responsible for the National Award Winning Massachusetts Heritage Park System. He has also created a print series titled "Practical Landscape Construction Tips" for retail distribution and is the residential landscape expert for the Lowe's and Scripps Howards Corporations as well as HGTV.

An accomplished artist, John began photographing the gardens he discovered while on location and creating hand-painted images using pastels over the photo transfer prints. Galleries in Milton, MA and Woodbury, CT sell his prints. John will bring some to share with the group.

"Breaking Ground" can be seen on HGTV on Monday at 1:00 and 5:30 pm; Wednesday at 8:30 and 11:30 pm; and Saturday and Sunday at 11:00 am.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

April 21, 1998

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, April 21, 1998 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul R. Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham and Secretary Melody Pacheco. Selectman Michele Bernier and Executive



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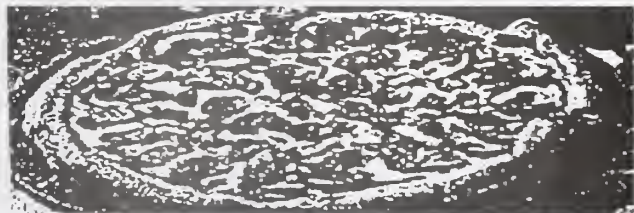
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Secretary Carol Adams were not present for the meeting.

After signing vouchers and bills for the week, the board approved the following licenses and certificate for the week via majority vote:

- Common Victualler License for the Ice Cream Slip, owner and operated by Janet R. Collins;
- Bowling Alley License for Bowl-Mor-Lanes, 22 County Road;
- Pool Table License for Brad's, Inc., 35 County Road;
- Pool Table License for Reservation Golf Club, 10 Reservation Road;
- Certificate of Appreciation for Old Rochester Regional High School's "Lady Bulldog Day" on Sunday, May 17.

Chairman Lambalot noted the following meetings slated throughout the week:

- Saturday, April 25 at 8:30 am - Board of Selectmen will conduct an initial screening of applicants for the Town Accountant's position in Executive Session. Selectman Denham noted there were about 10 to 12 applicants already;
- Monday, April 27 at 7:00 pm - Finance Committee will meet at Old Hammondtown School with both the ORR District School Committee and Mattapoisett School Committee to discuss overrides;
- Wednesday, April 29 - Retirement Party for



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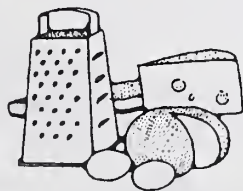
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- Wednesday, April 29 at 2:00 pm - Bid openings for the Town Hall Renovations.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Invitation to attend the Century 21 Open House, 76 County Road in Mattapoisett, on Tuesday, April 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

- Request from Russell F. Tinkham to be reappointed for another one-year term as constable for the town. The board agreed to place the request on file for future consideration.

- Invitation from American Ref-Fuel to the EnviroExpo being held on May 5 and May 7 at the World Trade Center in Boston.

- Memo from Sue Tweedy, Director of the Mattapoisett Library, informing the Personnel Board of two staff positions that have recently been filled. Barbara Perrault of South Dartmouth began on April 14 working in the Technical Services position, and Melissa Correia from New Bedford began working at Library Technician on April 21. The added positions will allow the library to open extended hours on Saturday beginning this week and extended evening hours later this year.

- Request from Peter Foster asking to be

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• Letter from Town Counsel Daniel Perry regarding the Ripley Harding Estate along with a check for \$90,000 which is being held in the Treasurer's office. The board voted via majority to sign and approve their assent to the account and receipt of the check which will be allocated to the Mattapoisett Public Library.

• Memo from Fire Chief Ronald Scott inviting the board to attend Firefighter I Night on May 2, 1998, and also notice that Chief Scott will be attending a Fire Investigation Class on May 18 through May 22.

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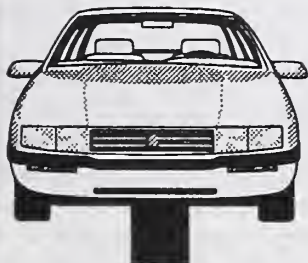
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• Update from Town Counsel Thomas Crotty regarding claims for damage to the so-called observation dock at the Town Wharf which was damaged by two boats which broke loose during the storm of November 1, 1997. Mr. Crotty said that the town's contractor, Thomas Tarrant, has estimated the damage caused by Mr. Perkins' boat at \$4,500 and the damage caused by Mr. Kenealy's boat at \$5,000. Chairman Lambalot noted that they will have to schedule a meeting with Town Counsel and the Marine Advisory Board (MAB) to discuss this matter further.

Selectman Denham wanted to know if the MAB had considered looking into requiring all boats in the harbor to have liability insurance to avoid future problems like this. "I mean, we have two boats here which ran into the dock and caused serious damage," he said. "They were uninsured and now this is costing the voters of Mattapoisett money."

MAB Chairman Bob Atkinson noted that the boat owned by Mr. Perkins was, in fact, insured. "We have investigated it and there's no way we can require boats in the harbor to have insurance," Mr. Atkinson said.

With regard to the dinghy dock, Mr. Atkinson advised that they will further inspect the structure to determine how safe it is and see how much can be repaired in the interim. "If the dock is determined to be unsafe, then the MAB will recommend that it be torn

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down," he said. "We really have to examine it ... and inspect the underwater structure. If it's in good shape, we can rebuild a portion of it with our own people."

When asked about the holes and cave-ins on the other wharves, Mr. Atkinson said he would be talking to some local contractors to see if some patchwork and filling could be done to alleviate the problem. "There's a tendency to spend \$10,000 or \$20,000 on engineering studies," he said. "I'd like to hold off and speak to some local people who have expertise in this field."

Selectman Denham agreed. "You know, \$15,000 in engineering fees could buy an awful lot of concrete," he said.

In other matters, the board voted to:

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- Appoint Ruth Cote to the town's X Fund Committee, as per her request.
- Consider appointing an interim Town Accountant at next week's meeting to fill Joseph Bolton's position until a new person is hired. The board needs someone to sign the weekly treasury warrants until a full-time Town Accountant is selected. "It's just a formality now, but we need someone to sign the warrant and it shouldn't be the Town Treasurer," Selectman Denham said.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:35 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

April 21, 1998

By Josh Bettencourt

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, April 21, 1998 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer. Also present were Selectman Albert E. Winters, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Secretary Helene Craver, and Executive Secretary Ray Pickles.

The meeting started with a letter from Mr. Pickles regarding the pressure sewer covenants. The letter asked for approval to authorize the town's Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent to sign covenants required by regulations to connect property into the town's

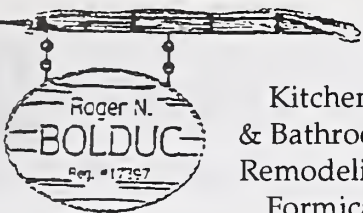
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municipal sewage system and low-pressure main. It was agreed that DPW Superintendent Rob Zora could sign the covenants, but the board would still be required to approve sewer tie-ins.

The next item was a letter from Senator John F. Kerry, congratulating Charles Bradley of Marion for receiving the Buzzards Bay Guardian Award from the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB).

Next on the agenda was the question of whether Sippican Inc. could host its annual fishing tournament and barbecue at Barden's Boat Yard. They also wanted to know if they could get a liquor license for serving limited quantities at the event. The board agreed to approve the request.

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Next was the question of a Special Permit for a Cellular Communications Tower. The Planning Board had approved it, but the statement was made that the tower height was based on one company's tower height of 130 feet. It was noted that other company's towers do exceed this height and will be taken into consideration.

Next on the agenda was Ms. Kohout's letter in regards to the bike path issue being put on the next Town Meeting warrant. This issue will be forwarded to and addressed by the Bike Path Committee.

The Buzzards Bay Project (BBP) next requested to use the conference room in the Town House on May 9 and 16 for workshops. This item was approved by the board.

The next item was a letter from Shellfish Officer Charles Bradley recommending that the entire east side of Wing's Cove be opened for clamming and the taking of shellfish effective Sunday, May 3, 1998. He also requested that the west side of Wing's Cove be closed on as of May 3, 1998 until further notice.

Next the Town of Wareham's Board of Selectmen sent notification that they have reorganized and the results of that reorganization are as follows: Sarah D. Woods, Chairman; L. David Hanley, Clerk; Mary Jane Pillsbury, member; Dennis Damata, member; and Paul J. Foley, member.

Hod Kenney from the Sippican Lands Trust wanted to thank all the people who helped in the recent Earth Day Cleanup. He especially wanted to thank the students and staff at Sippican School, Tabor Academy, the Marion DPW, and Animal Control Officer Susan King. He appreciated all their help.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:30 pm.

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By Kenneth J. Souza

Mariner Youth Soccer


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Registration is open to all boys and girls in Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, or Rochester born between August 1, 1992 and July 31, 1993 or others up to the age of 14 who did not play the previous year and now wish to participate. You must have the following with you on registration day:

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- There is a \$20 late fee for those registering after May 31, 1998.

Any child who played last year should be receiving an application in the mail — to be filled out completely and signed and mailed back by May 31, 1998. Those not receiving a mailed form by May 15, 1998 should contact Mariner Youth Soccer Club, Inc., P.O. Box 958, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, or call 758-4977.

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A second **Warm-Up** will be held on **April 26** as
part of the "Pansy Shaw Memorial Show." All proceeds
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Other shows scheduled for the 1998 season will
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May 10 - flying W, circle poles, chicken snatch;
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polo; July 12 - Z-ing, pole bending, swap horse and hat;
August 9 - pole bending C, roll back, slicker race; August
23 - single flag exchange, reining contest, potato stab;
August 30 - double figure-8, Westfield key hole, diaper
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

This is an explanation and detailing of the Sippican School budget items for this year's Marion Town Meeting and vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$159,569 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998 to be added to funds appropriated under Article 2, Account #300, Sippican School, to provide sufficient funds to cover special needs and state-mandated programs; subject to voters' approval of an override under the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws; or take any other action thereon.

Article 4 is an operational override to meet growth in state-mandated programs.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to be used by the Sippican School Building Committee to hire an architect and engineers for renovations, repairs and addition to the Sippican School; and to determine how such an appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing, to authorize the assurance of bonds or notes by the Town; subject to voters' approval of an override under the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws; or take any action thereon.



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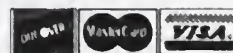
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Article 7 is a debt override to take the Sippican School renovation/expansion project for the school building through the total design stage.

We seek your support of Articles 4 and 7 at Town Meeting on Monday, April 27 and of Ballot Questions 1 and 4 at the Annual Town Election, Friday, May 1. They have been requested by the School Committee to continue quality education at Sippican School and are supported by the Selectmen and Finance Committee.

Sincerely,
Susan Grosart, Chairman
Marion School Committee

To the Editor:

One of the most important services the Marion Council on Aging provides to all residents (not just seniors) is transportation for wheelchair patients to doctor's appointments and clinics. Currently, for example, we make six round trips a week just to the dialysis clinic in New Bedford. The 1989 van we have is worn out. In the 1998 fiscal year we have already spent \$1,248.60 on repairs, and the van needs additional major repairs such as a new engine.

We have applied to the state for a grant to replace the old van with a new modern van. Assuming we receive the grant the state will pay 80 percent of the \$40,000 cost requiring Marion to fund only \$8,000. Article 16 on the Annual Town Meeting warrant and Question 8 on the override election ballot seek town approval to spend this money. We hope all Marion voters will support this request and allow us to continue to serve our most vulnerable fellow citizens.

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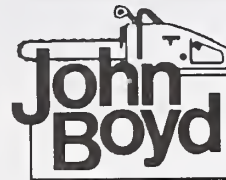
Sincerely,
Robert Marso, Chairman
Marion Council on Aging

To the Editor:

Marion's improved but still fatally-flawed articles (28 and 29) petitioning the state for a land bank will be dragged out once again for Town Meeting consideration. While it is widely accepted that decisive steps should be taken to protect open space, the funding mechanisms proposed in the warrant are terribly unfair and eerily similar to the one overwhelmingly rejected by Cape (Cod) voters. This is regrettable, since a land bank would be an invaluable tool for managing growth and maintaining a reasonable tax rate.

Sadly, the tax is aimed at middle income home owners, such as the elderly who no longer need or cannot manage their properties and professionals subject to the whims of corporate moves. These owners would be taxed on departure without seeing the benefits sought by the law.

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Fri. 24	AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00-3:00PM or 3:00-5:00PM	\$3.00 adm. or Both Sessions for \$5.00	Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00
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My dog is coughing. Could she have heartworms?

Yes, your dog could have heartworms. Although, if she has a blood test each year and takes the preventative either daily or once a month, it is unlikely. Have your veterinarian examine her and test her for heartworms.

I have heard that dogs that get heartworms are given arsenic. Is that really true?

Unfortunately, yes. Arsenic compounds cause the heartworms to die slowly. Heartworms are spaghetti-like worms that live in the heart and arteries of the lungs. If all of the worms died at the same time, they would clog the arteries to the lungs and kill the dog.

Which is better, the daily or monthly heartworm preventative?

For most people, the monthly preventatives are more convenient. The daily medications must be given every day or the dog is at risk of getting heartworms. There is more of a cushion of safety with the monthly preventatives if you miss the correct day of the month.

Is it better to give the monthly medication all year round or is it better to discontinue during the winter months?

Talk to your veterinarian. Many recommend year round preventative for a variety of reasons. One of which is that the monthly preventative medications help treat intestinal parasites which can be acquired throughout the year.

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burden. Due to the stable nature of wealth, the town's most expensive houses are sold less frequently than most and, in addition, many of these properties are held in trust further postponing sales subject to the tax. Advocates of a real estate transfer tax insist on ramming these inequitable proposals through the legislature. The tactic has not resulted in a land bank, nor is it likely to, ever. If all economic classes aren't in this together, we shouldn't be in it at all.

Adherents adore the confusion between a land bank and the method of financing it, and many citizens believe that the banks proposed are the only types possible. This isn't so, and many financing options are available. Right now, land bankers on the Cape and in the legislature are scurrying to find an acceptable substitute for the one crushed by the electorate.

It is tempting to join with the highwaymen of the islands who rob jet-set carpetbaggers as they prepare to fly away, but approval of either of these land banks would require that our friends and neighbors stand and deliver.

The Selectmen and Planning Board are considering the Marion Open Space and Recreation Plan that would establish criteria for purchasing open space parcels. If the plan is approved, the town will be able to acquire land to protect the environment and provide new recreational opportunities. Thus, a well-thought-out land bank, if it were equitably funded, would complement this effort and be a wonderful addition to the town's growth management arsenal. It would generate monies for the purchase of parcels without having to go through the daunting process presently required for land acquisition.

Let's table these articles and attempt to involve as many people as possible in developing an equitable funding mechanism that could be seen by the voters as in their enlightened self-interest. If successful, we could honestly petition the Commonwealth with a proposal worthy of enactment. Failure to do so will waste still another year while the flames of growth threaten both our land and the tax rate.

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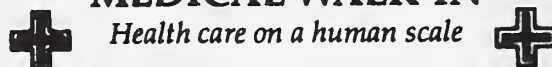
I would like to announce the arrival of the Fire Department's new four-wheel drive Chief's car. Old Car One will be retired after many years of service, first as a police cruiser, then as Car One for the Fire Department. With over 210,000 miles on her, she deserves retirement.

First, I would like to thank James F. Moran for the use of the cruiser. Secondly, a great big thank you has to go to the Mattapoisett Lions Club, the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and the Mattapoisett Fire Association for their donations to make the purchase possible.

And lastly, thank you to the voters of Mattapoisett for their continued support of the Fire Department.

Sincerely,
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The Project GROW Parents Group would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who made our Family Fun Festival a tremendous success. First, the Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Cultural Councils which this program was supported in part by a grant from these Cultural Councils, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency; the Rochester Girl Scout Troops #82 and #165 for face painting; Jane Taylor for her knowledge, suggestions, and support; and last, but not least, all the parents for all the donations of materials, time, baked goods, and auction items. We hope to make this an annual event.

Sincerely,
Susan McCombe
Project GROW Parents Group

Editor's Note: The views expressed in this column are not necessarily those of The Wanderer, its staff or its advertisers. The Wanderer will gladly accept any and all correspondence relating to timely and pertinent issues in the Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester area, provided they include the author's name, address and phone number for verification. The Wanderer reserves the right to edit, condense, and otherwise alter submissions for purposes of clarity and/or spacing considerations. The Wanderer also reserves the right to deny publication of any submitted correspondence.

The Wanderer Keel Award

The Wanderer is currently soliciting nominations for their fifth annual "Wanderer Keel Award."

The yearly honor — which will be presented to one resident from each of the five towns in our circulation area — will be announced in our May 21, 1998 issue and

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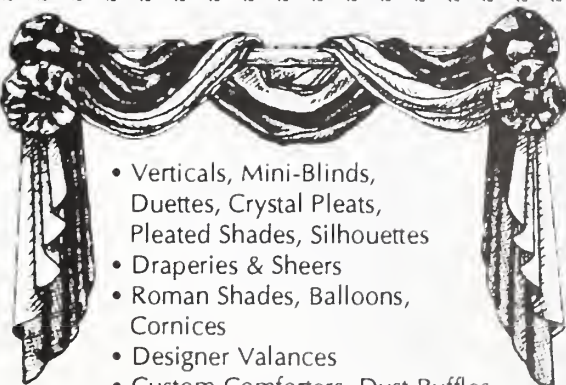
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each winner will be the subject of a short feature highlighting their contributions to the local community. But *The Wanderer* needs your help in selecting these "unsung heroes."

The requirements are simple. Nominees must be legal residents of Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Acushnet, or Fairhaven (at least five years), and must have contributed in some way to the overall benefit of the community — either directly to town residents, or indirectly through their efforts in promoting town activities, or working to keep the wheels of local government well-oiled. The only restriction is that these persons cannot benefit from their efforts in any way — either financially or politically.

In doing this, we hope to applaud those who are rarely recognized for their countless hours of service and focus on the many people "behind the scenes" who remain otherwise anonymous but provide crucial support to many town functions.

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- Marion - Claire Russell (1994); Ralph and Phyllis Washburn (1995); Annie Giberti (1996); Jay Crowley (1997);
- Rochester - Joseph McCarthy (1994); Jean Fennell (1995); Katherine Hartley Church (1996); Chris Byron (1997);
- Acushnet - Marv and Mary Allison (1996); William Murphy (1997);
- Fairhaven - Christopher J. Richard (1996); Nancy Perry (1997).

Please send the name, address and telephone number of recommended nominees, along with a short description of their key contributions over the past year, to: Keel Award, *The Wanderer*, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The deadline for nominations is **Monday, May 18 at 3:00 pm**. Recipients will be contacted by phone on Tuesday, May 19 prior to publication in the May 21 issue. Staff members of *The Wanderer* and employees of Wanderer Communications are not eligible for consideration.

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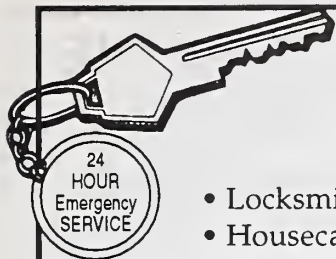
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Machacam Club - Mattapoisett

The Machacam Club will hold its May meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour will begin at 5:30 pm, with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Captain Daniel Briggs, Marine Surveyor. Dan, who holds a 500-ton, all oceans masters rating, will present a talk on "Boat Building in the Ukraine."

Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on May 4, 1998. Last-minute changes and reservations may be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.



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I would like to publicly thank all of you that voted in our community's recent election. Your vote; clearly signaled a renewed commitment to Mattapoissett and makes me proud to be a part of it.

I wish to assure those of you who supported my candidacy, of my resolve to continue to work in whatever way I can; to strengthen this community, to support individual and community spirit, and foster open communication between town hall and its' constituency.

I further wish to thank all of you who supported me and shared your concerns and interest in our town government. I truly believe your courage and individual efforts are the cornerstones of our future.

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Candidates Night will be held at the Rochester Woman's Club on Monday, May 4 at 7:30 pm at the clubhouse on Route 105 in Rochester. All candidates running for office in the Town of Rochester are invited to speak at this public forum. The public is welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Gini Cutler at 763-2735.

Hearts and Hands Training

Hearts and Hands, Inc. a Christian ministry helping medically-fragile children and their families, is pleased to announce the beginning of their next volunteer training program beginning May 13, 1998. The program will run on Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for eight consecutive weeks at the Hearts and Hands office, 4 Church Street Extension in Mattapoissett.

This is a formalized training program designed to train volunteers in all aspects of helping children and their families. For more information or to register, please call Hearts and Hands' office at 758-1300.

Friends of the Elderly - Mattapoissett

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoissett want to thank all those who baked for the Easter Pie Sale and, of course, those who bought the pies. Without them, the sale would not have been a success. As usual, the pies were all gone by 11:00. Hopefully next year the group will have

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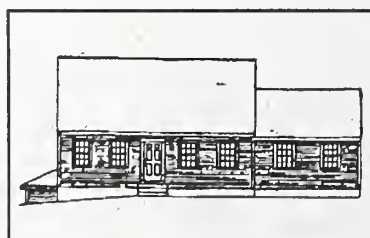
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Legislative Breakfast in Marion

On Thursday, May 14 at 9:00 am, members of the community are invited to meet with their state legislators, Senator Marc R. Pacheco and Representative William M. Straus, and enjoy a breakfast at Harriet's, 7 Cottage Street in Marion.

Sponsored by the Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester League of Women Voters, the Legislative Breakfast will give citizens an opportunity to meet with their legislators. Those attending will have an opportunity to learn what is happening at the State House and to ask questions about legislation that concerns them.

Reservations are necessary. To make a reservation, please send your name and phone number with a check for \$8 per person, made out to LWVMMR to: LWVMMR, P.O. Box 812, Marion, MA 02738 by May 10. For further information, please call Joan Andersen at 758-3545.

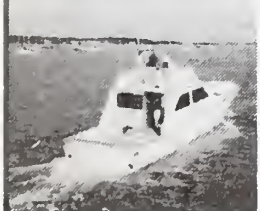
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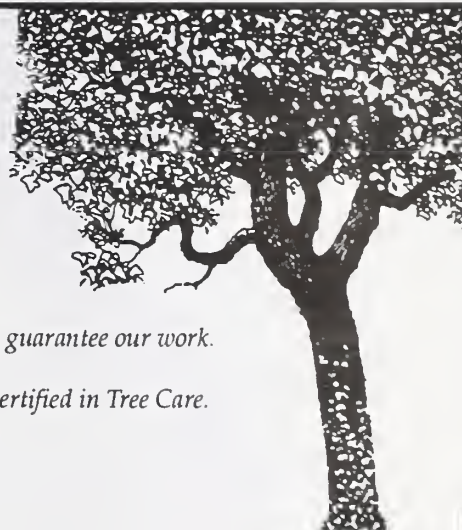
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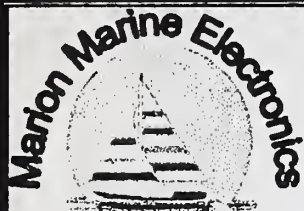
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The Mattapoissett Woman's Club will award two scholarships this year. Please note: an applicant must be a resident of Mattapoissett, or a child/grandchild of a member of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club. One \$1,000 scholarship will be available for seniors at the local high schools, and applications are available at the guidance office of each school. The second scholarship is open for a

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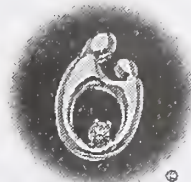
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Absentee ballots are now available at the Marion Town Clerk's office for the local election to be held on May 1, 1998. Anyone wishing to vote prior to the election because of absence from town on Election Day may vote in the office during regular business hours until 12:00 noon on April 30, 1998. Upon receipt of written application, absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who are out of the area.

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The Rochester Lions Club will be sponsoring a Civil War Reenactment during the weekend of June 13 and 14 at the Plumb Corner Mall on Route 105. The club is currently seeking sponsors to advertise in the program book which will be prepared. Those interested in advertising should contact: Melissa Glidden, 296 Walnut Plain Road, Rochester, MA 02770, or call 763-8970. The deadline for advertising is May 13, 1998.

Acushnet Council on Aging

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Singer Performs in Rochester

Ruth Harcovitz, a singer who has given hundreds of performances for community organizations throughout the Boston area, is going to sing for the Rochester Council on Aging on Tuesday, April 28 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in the Rochester Congregational Church Sanctuary.

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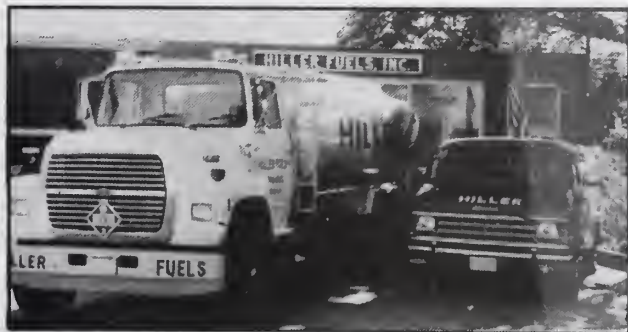
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An Executive Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 1:30 pm in the Conference Room at Tobey Hospital. The Tobey Hospital Gift Shop, located near the main entrance of the hospital, is open Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Guild members urge visitors to stop in when in the hospital.

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The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers' next monthly Square and Round Dance will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 8:00 to 11:00 pm at the Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road in Acushnet. The level will be mainstream-plus. For more information, please call 995-7204.

Marion Council on Aging

Walking Club

The Walking Club meets at 3:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in front of Sippican School. This is open to all ages.

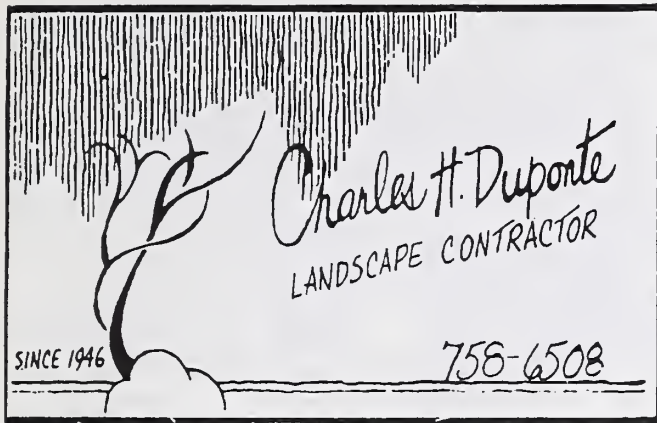
Blood Pressure Clinic

The location of the Blood Pressure Clinic has been changed to Dr. Kootz's office at 312 Wareham Road in Marion. The hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 on Wednesday. This clinic is sponsored by the Friends of Marion Visiting Nurses.

Shopping

Shopping trips will be held every Tuesday — the van travels to the IGA in Wareham at 1:00 pm and on Friday at 9:00 am the van takes a trip to Shaw's in Fairhaven. Please call the COA at 748-3570 if you need a ride.

Senior Housing



Applications for Marion's senior housing, Little Neck Village, are available at the COA office for residents or their parents who are at least 60. Applications are also available for Marconi Village.

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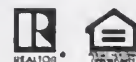
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MOVIE REVIEW

Chasing Other

BY ROB GONSALVES
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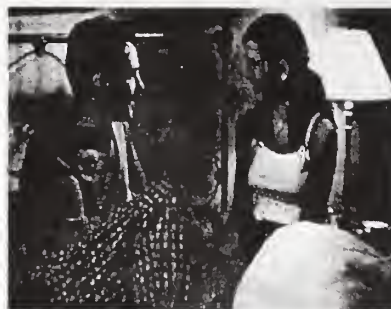
■ *The Object of My Affection*. Starring Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd. Directed by Nicholas Hytner. Running time: 111 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall.

Spring is here, and with it comes the usual spate of chick flicks — kinder, gentler, sappier films released before the testosterone-drunk blockbusters of summer. Despite considerable competition from last week's *City of Angels*, the new *Object of My Affection* may be the kindest, gentlest, chick-flickiest offering of the year. It's also, at its core, the blandest and most dishonest.

The premise — what if a woman and her gay male friend fell in love? — is imported from Stephen McCauley's novel of a few years ago, yet in the movie it feels like a synthesis of *Chasing Amy* (where the scenario was reversed) and *In & Out* (in which a well-liked teacher becomes confused about his sexuality). McCauley focused on the gay character, George (Paul Rudd); the movie's scripter, Wendy Wasserstein, focuses on the bewildered Nina (Jennifer Aniston), who allows George to move in with her after his self-absorbed lover (Tim Daly) dumps him for some hunky student.

The shift in focus defuses what might have been fresh in the story. Instead of Nina being the Other who makes George's life a mess of confusion, it's George who's the Other. Everything in the movie is seen in terms of how it affects Nina. I'm not saying Wendy Wasserstein isn't a skilled writer. She is — when it comes to Nina. We feel Nina's frustration, her yearning for independence, her dissatisfaction with her condescending boyfriend Vince (John Pankow). That's partly due to the writing, which has been felt from the inside out, and partly due to Jennifer Aniston's wistful performance.

George, however, is fairly opaque. His emotions aren't dramatized; they're told to us in speeches. Paul Rudd's blandness in the role (he's been more charming elsewhere) doesn't help, either. George is a woman's dream date: a handsome, sensitive man who won't try anything sleazy. George hardly tries anything



sleazy with *men*, either. For most of the movie he's a poster boy for cuddly gay normality — softened to appeal to the homophobes in the audience. (It didn't work at the show I attended. A peck on the mouth between George and a new lover provoked sounds of

disgust from the teenagers around me. This is a good time to point out that I heard no retching when two *women* kissed in *Wild Things*. But I digress.)

At first glance, *The Object of My Affection* doesn't seem to fit with director Nicholas Hytner's other two films, *The Madness of King George* and *The Crucible*. Those were historical dramas based on plays. This is a modern romantic comedy-drama that feels like a play (the movie's rhythm and pace are very slack). There is a theme running through the films: the impact that forbidden or "inappropriate" passions can have on an uncomprehending society. Yet Nina and George encounter almost no resistance (even the jilted Vince basically washes his hands of Nina). George doesn't take any static from gay friends for getting chummy with a breeder. Nina seems to have no friends other than good old George.

What seemed like hyperbolic rhetoric in movies like *Jungle Fever* and *Go Fish*, where characters' sex lives were subjected to political scrutiny by their friends, now seems like a better dramatic deal than what goes on in this movie. Which is to say, nothing much. Even Nina's pregnancy feels inconsequential. Stand aside from the movie for a moment, look at it from a detached viewpoint, and what you see is a selfish woman who wants to have the best of all worlds — the baby, the non-threatening gay man waiting for her to decide that she wants him — and who comes close to ruining poor George's life. The story could certainly have been told that way (and might have been in the novel, which I haven't read). It sure isn't told that way here. If it were, it would stop being a chick flick and start being an intelligent film for adults of all genders and sexual orientations. I'm sorry, should I not have expected a movie like that? I can be so naïve sometimes.

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Lost in Space (PG-13) — Fri-Sun: 11:45, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00;
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My Giant (PG) — Fri-Sun: 2:45, 5:00, 7:00; Mon-Thu: 6:30

As Good As It Gets (PG-13) — Fri-Sun: 12:00, 9:00; Mon-Thu: 8:30

City of Angels (PG-13) — Fri-Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00;
Mon-Thu: 6:45, 9:00

The Odd Couple II (PG-13) — Fri-Sun: 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00;
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Object of My Affection (R) — 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20

Wild Things (R) — 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

The Man in the Iron Mask (PG-13) — 12:50, 6:30

U.S. Marshals (PG-13) — 3:50, 9:00

Major League 3 (PG-13) — 12:40, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:30

Scream 2 (R) — 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:10

Paulie (PG) — 12:40, 2:50, 4:50, 6:50, 8:50

Titanic (PG-13) — 12:30, 4:15, 8:00

Good Will Hunting (R) — 12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:10

Grease (PG) — 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:10

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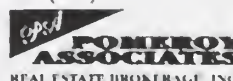
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■ ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, April 27 — Meatball sub, French fries, green beans, milk, or bologna and soup, dessert.

Tuesday, April 28 — Chicken patty sandwich, oven potatoes, peas, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, April 29 — Chicken chow mein with noodles, rice, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, April 30 — Hot dog, French fries, pickles, or bologna and soup, milk, peanut butter brownies.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, April 27 — Macaroni and cheese, escalloped tomatoes, club roll, chilled fruit.

Tuesday, April 28 — Beef and cabbage casserole, country style vegetables, light rye bread, lemon pudding.

Wednesday, April 29 — Roast pork, oven roasted potato, chopped broccoli, oatmeal roll, birthday cake.

Thursday, April 30 — Chicken cacciatore with ziti, Italian green beans, scali bread, fresh fruit.

Friday, May 1 — Breaded fish with tartar sauce, Del Monico potatoes, mixed vegetable, whole wheat bread, chilled fruit.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, April 27 — French toast sticks with sausage, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 28 — Chicken nuggets, toasted cheese, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 29 — American chop suey, French bread, or chicken fajita pocket, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, April 30 — Roasted turkey with mashed potato, or chicken patty, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, April 27 — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um sub, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, April 28 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, hot ham and cheese, baked beans, scalloped potato, chilled peaches, strawberry jello with topping.

Wednesday, April 29 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, "hero" sub, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled applesauce, peanut butter brownies.

Thursday, April 30 — Taco boat with all the fixings, grilled ham and cheese, chicken salad pocket, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookie.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, April 27 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, sweet and sour pork chop, mac rib sub, steamed rice, green beans, chilled pineapple, butterscotch pudding with topping.

Tuesday, April 28 — Cheese ravioli with sauce, grated mozzarella, Italian grinder, hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, tossed salad, chilled applesauce, baked custard with topping.

Wednesday, April 29 — Meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, shaved turkey wrap, hot ham and cheese grinder, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled peaches, peanut butter brownie.

Thursday, April 30 — Hot turkey sandwich, steak and cheese grinder, "hero" grinder, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, applesauce, oatmeal cookie.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, April 13 — Hamburger, French fries, pickles, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Tuesday, April 14 — Baked chicken, mashed potato, peas, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, April 15 — Soft shell taco, rice, corn, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, April 16 — Hot dog, French fries, pickles, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, April 17 — Pizzeria pizza, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, April 27 — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um sub, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, April 28 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, hot ham and cheese, baked beans, scalloped potato, chilled peaches, strawberry jello with topping.

Wednesday, April 29 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, "hero" sub, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled applesauce, peanut butter brownies.

Thursday, April 30 — Taco boat with all the fixings, grilled ham and cheese, chicken salad pocket, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookie.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, April 27 — French toast sticks with sausage, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 28 — Chicken nuggets, toasted cheese, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 29 — American chop suey, French bread, or chicken fajita pocket, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, April 30 — Roasted turkey with mashed potato, or chicken patty, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOC-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, April 27 — Chicken nuggets, potato puffs, broccoli, cranberry sauce, fruit, cake.

Tuesday, April 28 — Soup, ham salad roll, spicy fries, carrots, sliced peaches.

Wednesday, April 29 — Steak'Um and cheese, hash brown patty, peas, chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday, April 30 — Fruit juice, pasta with meat sauce, salad, roll, jello.

Friday, May 1 — Pizza, potato chips, green beans, assorted dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, April 27 — French toast sticks with sausage, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 28 — Chicken nuggets, toasted cheese, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 29 — American chop suey, French bread, or chicken fajita pocket, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, April 30 — Roasted turkey with mashed potato, or chicken patty, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

■ ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, April 27 — Soup, meatball sub, chicken fritters, pickle, fries, pudding, juice or milk.

Tuesday, April 28 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sub, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, juice or milk.

Wednesday, April 29 — Soup, beef taco, chicken patty, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, salsa, fruit, juice or milk.

Thursday, April 30 — Chicken fillet, or Steak'Um, lettuce, tomato, fries, pudding, juice or milk.

Friday, May 1 — Baked chicken, BBQ ribs, mashed potato, carrots, roll, fruit, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, April 27 — French toast sticks with sausage, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 28 — Chicken nuggets, toasted cheese, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 29 — American chop suey, French bread, or chicken fajita pocket, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, April 30 — Roasted turkey with mashed potato, or chicken patty, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, April 27 — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um sub, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, April 28 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, hot ham and cheese, baked beans, scalloped potato, chilled peaches, strawberry jello with topping.

Wednesday, April 29 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, "hero" sub, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled applesauce, peanut butter brownies.

Thursday, April 30 — Taco boat with all the fixings, grilled ham and cheese, chicken salad pocket, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookie.



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■ ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 13 through April 20, 1998:

- Mattapoissett Road – annoying/obscene phone calls
- Mattapoissett Road – personal threats/summons issued (threat to commit a crime, to wit: assault and battery on household member)
- Hope Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/ juvenile arrest (leaving the scene of property damage, negligent operation of motor vehicle)
- Parkside Avenue – domestic disturbance
- Siamese Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Boylston Street – simple assault, no injury
- Main Street – annoying/obscene phone calls
- Austin Lane – domestic disturbance/adult arrest (assault and battery on household member, assault with dangerous weapon, to wit: a knife)
- Social Street – domestic disturbance
- Peckham Road – domestic disturbance
- Nye's Lane – summons issued (operating motor vehicle with revoked registration)
- Middle Road – impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Randall Street – motor vehicle accident/juvenile arrest (speeding, negligent operation of motor vehicle, failure to keep right)
- Robinson Road – driving under the influence
- Village Avenue – harassment

- Peckham Road – domestic disturbance
- South Main Street – domestic disturbance
- Main Street – harassment
- Main Street – vandalism
- Oliveira Avenue – vandalism
- Club Avenue – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- South Main Street – motor vehicle accident
- South Main Street – disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace
- Ludlow Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Main Street – summons issued (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle)
- Main Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Wing Lane – motor vehicle accident/hit and run.

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 12 through April 18, 1998:

- Ichabod Lane – noise complaint
- Mill Street – breaking and entering/past
- Briggs Terrace – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Bamabas Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Point Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Cross Neck Road – officer wanted
- Abels Way – animal complaint
- Front Street – runaway
- Main Street – brush/grass fire
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- East Avenue – noise complaint
- Mill Street – animal complaint
- Point Road – annoying phone calls
- Spring Street – suspicious

- motor vehicle
- Holmes Street – animal complaint
- Front Street – larceny/past
- Front Street – adult arrest (warrant, larceny by check)
- Route 195 East – general offense
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Cranberry Way – family disturbance
- Island Wharf Road – larceny/past
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Wareham Road – family disturbance
- Upland Way – animal complaint.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 12 through April 18, 1998:

- County Road – motor vehicle accident
- Henshaw Road – general disturbance/loud banging
- Fairhaven Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- County Road – counterfeiting/forgery
- Grand View Avenue – harassing phone calls
- County Road – general disturbance
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
- Acushnet Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Marion Road – simple assault/past
- Acushnet Road – larceny of sunglasses
- North Street – protective custody (adult)
- Main Street – domestic abuse
- Pearl Street – noise complaint
- Fairhaven Road – bad checks/larceny by check

- County Road – returned property
- Fairhaven Road – vandalism/damage to bean poles
- Marion Road – past larceny from motor vehicle
- North Street – possible domestic abuse
- Mariners Way – harassing phone calls
- North Street – assault and battery/domestic abuse/adult arrest
- Barstow Street – vandalism/property damage
- Abby Lane – disturbance from motorcycles
- Water Street – noise complaint.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 13 through April 19, 1998:

- Outdoor World – investigation
- Hiller Road – civil complaint
- North Avenue – adult arrest (default warrant)
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
- Snipatuit Road – road closed
- Alley Road – officer wanted
- Neck Road – speeding complaint
- Braley Hill Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Burgess Avenue – civil complaint
- Neck Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Mary's Pond Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence)
- Walnut Plain Road – road hazard
- Vaughan Hill Road – officer wanted
- Cross Road – civil complaint
- Vaughan Hill Road – adult arrest (operating motor vehicle with suspended license).

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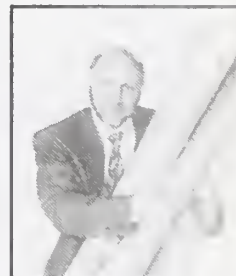
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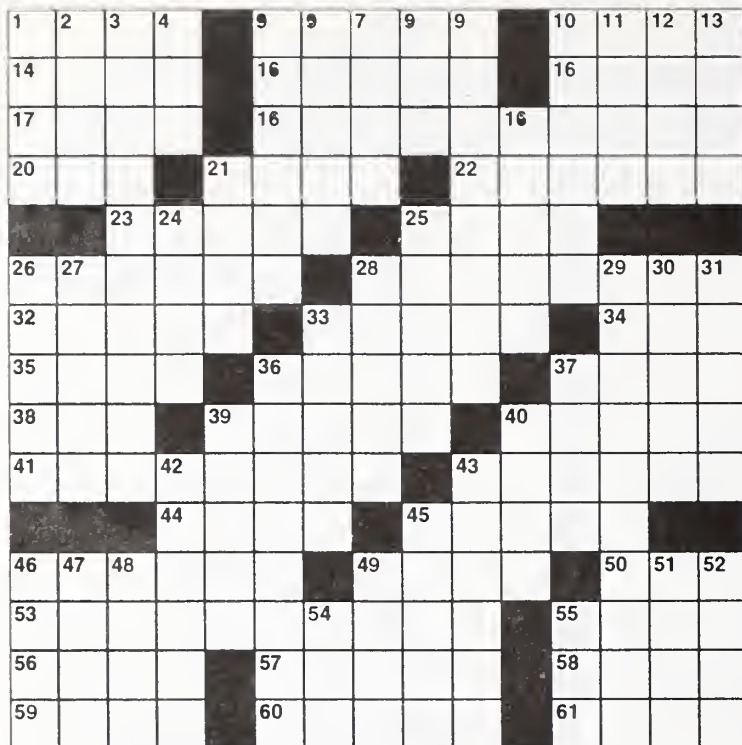
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14 Give approval
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16 Reps.
17 Holland sight
18 Pulls out the stops
20 " _ for the money..."
21 Paddy plant
22 Queen of mystery
23 Show
25 Auctioneer's aim
26 Sedan shelter
28 Move with urgency
32 Fill with awe
33 Fischer's game
34 Bygone Mideast

coalition

- 35 "I Love _" (old TV show)
36 Call up
37 Snare, for one
38 " _ and ye shall receive"
39 Prattle
40 _ hand (help)
41 Convention meetings
43 Particular styles
44 Latvia native
45 Certain African
46 Grief relief
49 Pond plant
50 Kind of Jazz
53 Gets a move on
55 Up to the task
56 Tide's partner
57 Court event
58 Professional charges
59 Sorrowful sounds
60 Contest prize

61 Horse gait

DOWN

- 1 Stupid fellow
2 Related
3 Hotfoot it
4 Storm center
5 Puma or civet
6 Smart _ (wise guy)
7 High flier
8 " _ a Wonderful Life"
9 Practice a role
10 Globetrotters' home
11 Fairy tale beast
12 To-do
13 Catch site of
19 Raines and Fitzgerald
21 Current fashion
24 Indistinct
25 Public tiff
26 Elegant events
27 Entertain

28 Gunfire

- 29 Roar off
30 Magna cum Ñ
31 Bombeck et al.
33 Intone
36 Objects
37 Bumper boo-boo
39 Recital number
40 Musical Home
42 Quenches
43 Geese group
45 " _ House" (Dickens)
46 Atl. fliers
47 Indiana neighbor
48 Barnyard baby
49 Inter _
51 Bread spread
52 Annoying person
54 Museum display
55 Toward the stem

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Group activities may be thwarted due to lack of funds. Pool your imaginations and your talents to generate more income.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You're stronger now, so don't let an older person push you around. Your team comes to your rescue. They bring you luck and plenty of help.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Travel plans are hard to carry out but you can make final decisions. An older person wants the best for you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). A friend gets rather pushy but it's a push in the right direction. Better study the language. Travel plans could materialize.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You won't get away with much. Sell something valuable you don't use to get the money you need.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your good looks and charm could earn you free lunch. Accept acknowledgment for a job well done.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love should go very well, especially if you make a commitment. Your work dominates your life.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Carefully consider your options before making decisions. Those decisions will be written in stone.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're very good with technical assignments. Use a new tool to achieve success. Home is where the heart is.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Pay travel expenses. Save whatever is left. You'll need it later. Postpone making a decision. You don't have enough information yet.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're strong, but you'll need to be patient, too. The only changes accepted are ones that save money.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). There are lots of hoops to jump through, but you're determined. Get a Virgo to help. Follow your hunches and abundance is your reward.

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There are two typical families: the Webbs and the Gibbs. Thom O'Shaughnessey plays Dr. Gibbs with Kim Kubik Keene as his wife, Andy Campbell as their son George, and Sarah Pierce as his little sister. The Webb family consists of David Pierce as Editor Webb, Cheryl Larson as his wife, J. J. Lynch as their daughter Emily, and Ronan Babbitt as her little brother. There are the milkman, the paper boy, the choir director, and assorted townspeople played by Charlie Latham, Vic Bender, Peter Smith, John Ogren, Kay Sweeney, Jack McCarthy, Pete Havel, Ted Babbitt, and Brian Scott as the constable. There will also be cameo roles by members of the audience.

There is no admission charge. FREE tickets are available at the Marion Art Center during normal gallery hours: Tuesday - Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. No telephone reservations will be accepted for this show.

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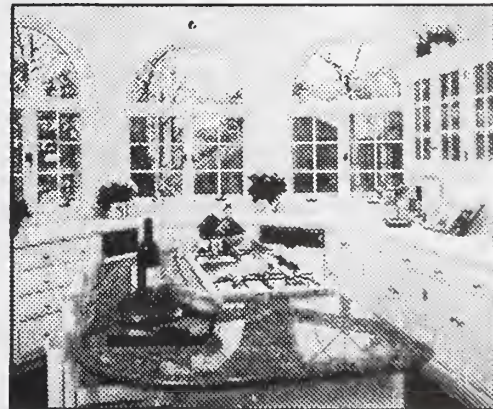
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L.M.</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICES TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 27, 1998 at 7:10pm in the Town Hall on the Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Lori L. Santos, 13 Martin Avenue, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. The Proposed project is to construct 18' above ground pool. The project is located at 13 Martin Avenue and is further identified as Lot 134 on Assessors Map 8. Conservation Commission 04/23</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 4, 1998 at 7:45pm in the Town Hall on the Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Jeffrey and Anne Carreiro, 116 Fern Street, New Bedford, MA 02744. The Proposed project is construction of an exterior deck. The project is located at 51 Crystal Spring Road and is further identified as Lot 149 on Assessors Map 18. Conservation Commission 04/23</p>	<p>MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS Mattapoissett, Massachusetts LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT Pursuant to Section 23 A, Chapter 39, General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Mattapoissett School Committee regarding School Choice for the 1998-99 school year at 7:30pm, on Monday, May 11, 1998, at the Old Hammondtown School, Shaw Street, Mattapoissett, Massachusetts. 04/23</p> <hr/> <p>MARION PUBLIC SCHOOLS Marion, Massachusetts LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT Pursuant to Section 23 A, Chapter 39, General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Marion School Committee regarding School Choice for the 1998-99 school year at 6:30pm, on Wednesday, May 6, 1998, at the Sippican School, 16 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts. 04/23</p> <hr/> <p>OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Marion, Mattapoissett, and Rochester, Massachusetts LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT Pursuant to Section 23 A, Chapter 39, General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee regarding School Choice for the 1998-99 school year at 7:30pm, on Tuesday, May 12, 1998, in the Dr. Joseph C. Kunces Memorial Library, Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoissett, Massachusetts. 04/23</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE MATTAPOISETT SHORES ASSOCIATION will close its private roads to public traffic on the following dates: Pleasant View Avenue - Monday, April 27, 1998 Grandview Avenue - Tuesday April 28, 1998 Highland View Ave. Wednesday, April 29, 1998 Bay View Avenue - Thursday April 30, 1998 Ocean Drive (From Pleasant View to Bay View) Friday May 1, 1998 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MATTAPOISETT SHORES ASSOCIATION 04/23</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 4, 1998 at 7:15pm in the Town Hall on the Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by G. Kenneth and Mary Garrett, 12 Academy Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. 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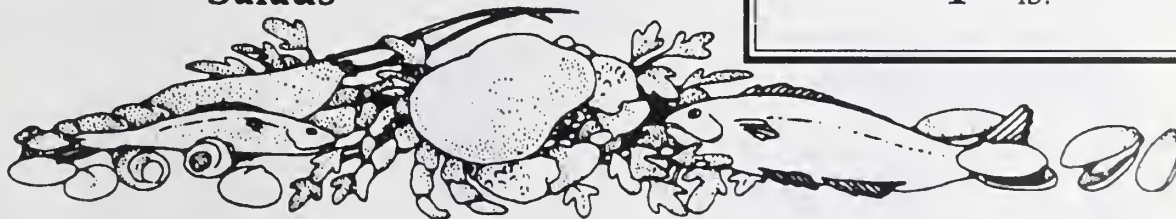
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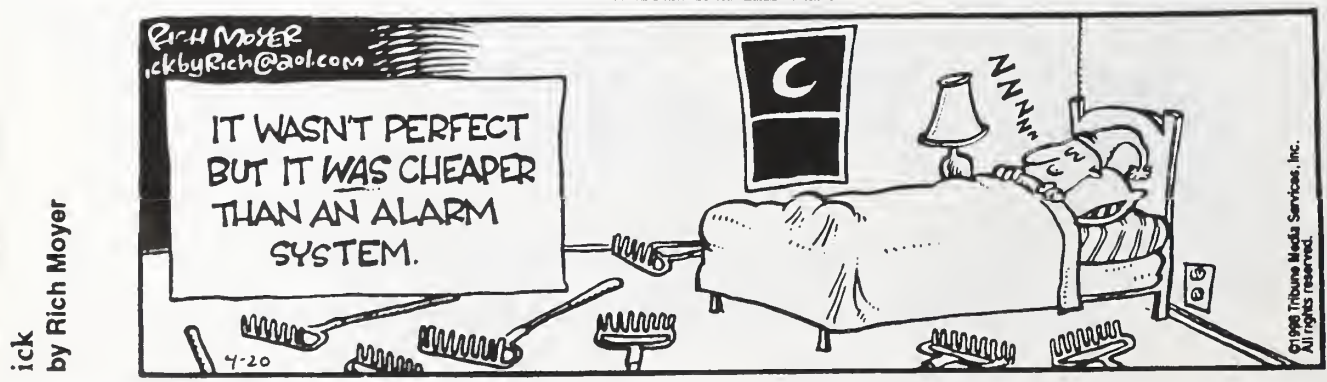
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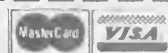
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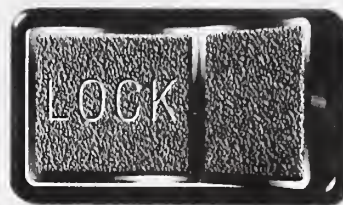
Acushnet Town Clerk

Dog Licenses

Acushnet Town Clerk Richard Threlfall has announced that the 1998 Dog Licenses are now available in his office during regular working hours. In accordance with the Town of Acushnet By-Laws and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 137, all dogs over the age of three months must be licensed by the Town Clerk.

The license fee structure will remain the same as last year: Spayed female dogs and neutered male dogs - \$6 per year; Unaltered female and male dogs - \$9 per year.

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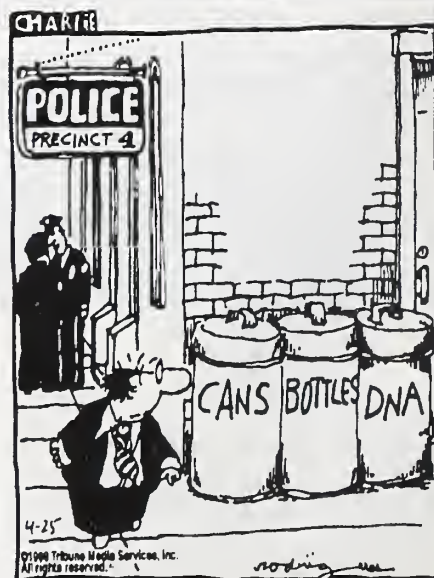
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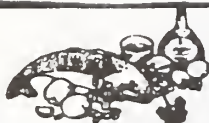
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
April 23:	Thur.	5:55	6:22	11:38	...
April 24:	Fri.	6:48	7:13	12:17	12:32
April 25:	Sat.	7:40	8:03	1:13	1:24
April 26:	Sun.	8:30	8:52	2:05	2:13
April 27:	Mon.	9:20	9:42	2:56	3:01
April 28:	Tues.	10:10	10:33	3:45	3:49
April 29:	Wed.	11:02	11:25	4:35	4:37
April 30:	Thur.	11:55	...	5:26	5:28
May 1:	Fri.	12:19	12:51	6:19	6:23
May 2:	Sat.	1:16	1:50	7:19	7:28
May 3:	Sun.	2:15	2:50	8:29	8:55
May 4:	Mon.	3:15	3:48	9:45	10:26
May 5:	Tues.	4:12	4:41	10:45	11:27
May 6:	Wed.	5:04	5:30	11:28	...
May 7:	Thur.	5:52	6:15	12:11	11:59
May 8:	Fri.	6:37	6:58	12:43	12:27
May 9:	Sat.	7:18	7:37	1:11	12:57
May 10:	Sun.	7:59	8:17	1:39	1:28

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	First Quarter	May 3rd
	Full Moon	May 11th
	Last Quarter	May 19th



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